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**PATENT**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	)	
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David R. Williams et al.	)	Examiner: G. Manuel
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Serial No.: 09/628,690	)	Group Art Unit: 3737
Filed July 28, 2000	)	
	)	Batch: E95
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS	)	
FOR IMPROVING VISION AND	)	
THE RESOLUTION OF RETINAL	)	Date: September 6, 2001
IMAGES	)	

**PETITION TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment dated August 22, 2001, the Applicants respectfully submit that the Notice of Abandonment was issued in error and therefore petition for withdrawal of that Notice.

The Notice of Abandonment indicated that the above-captioned application was abandoned because the issue fee had not been received. However, the Applicants, through undersigned counsel, paid the issue fee on May 11, 2001, which was well before the statutory due date of July 11, 2001. Attached hereto are copies of the executed issue fee transmittal, the check for the full amount of the issue fee, and a receipt for the above items, date-stamped by the Office on May 11, 2001 to acknowledge receipt of the above items.

In light of the above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the issue fee was timely paid and that as a result, the above-captioned application was never abandoned. Therefore, the Applicants

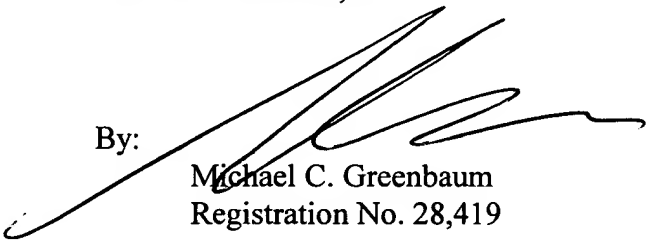
respectfully petition for the following relief: withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment, issuance of a patent from the above-captioned application and extension of the patent term under any provision of law which may apply, including without limitation 35 U.S.C. §154(b)(1)(A)(iv).

The Applicants respectfully submit that no fee is required for the instant Petition. However, the Office is authorized to charge any shortage of fees, or credit any overpayment thereof, to BLANK ROME COMISKY & McCAULEY, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (000687.00148).

Respectfully Submitted,

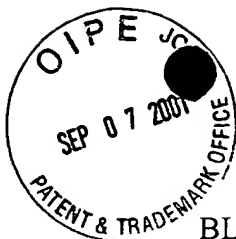
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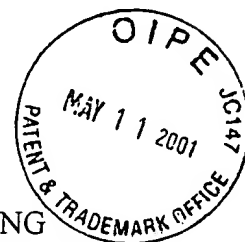
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